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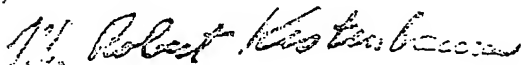
NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attention: Examiner Contino

Enclosed, please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005. Included therewith are a two-month extension request and PTO-2038 is enclosed authorizing credit card payment in the amount of \$450 for the prescribed Large Entity Extension Fee, a substitute specification, and an amended abstract.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,



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**Amendment**

Dear Examiner Contino:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed 4 January 2005.

A complete set of claims currently in this application, with status indicators, is attached hereto.

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